

## **March 22, 2022 – EMPIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

A Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 113 – Water Supply Cross Connection was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Empire Township Hall. Rademacher reviewed the Ordinance and Policy. There were no public comments.

President Davis called the Regular Meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bacon at 7:00 p.m. Upon a roll call, Council members Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer and Rademacher were present. Clerk Smith and Treasurer Nelson were also present.

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – None.**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Motion by Dye, support by Bacon to approve the agenda. Upon a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS - None.**

**CONSENT AGENDA – Motion by Dye, support by Rademacher to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 2/22/22, Work Session minutes of 3/10/22 and Bills totaling \$41,722.42.** Palmer asked that both minutes be removed. **MOTION FAILED.** **Motion by Dye, support by Palmer to approve the Bills totaling \$41,722.42. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.** **Motion by Palmer, support by Rademacher to approve the minutes of 2/22/22 and 3/10/22 with the addition of the following: *Motion by Palmer, support by Dye to receive the Revenue & Expenditure Report for the prior month at the Work Session for questions and discussion at the Regular Meeting.* ROLL CALL: Ayes: Palmer, Dye. Nays: Chase, Rademacher, Davis, Barr, Bacon. MOTION FAILED to the 2/22/22 minutes. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.**

**REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS –** Treasurer's report was received.

**COMMUNICATIONS –** Dye read email from Global ReLeaf regarding a grant for twenty trees. Bacon read letters from Val Dalton and Terry Bacon regarding the proposed Personnel Policy. Dye read a letter from EGLE regarding a grant for water testing that was not funded.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS –** DPW Superintendent Friend's report was received.

**COUNCIL MEMBER /COMMITTEE REPORTS –** Chase reported on the Airport Commission meeting she attended in Palmer's absence.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**EMPIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROAD CLOSURES REQUEST – Motion by Bacon, support by Barr to approve the request for the Asparagus Festival to allow for the closure of Front Street between Union and LaRue from Noon Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> through noon Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> of 2022 and to provide written notification to the sponsor of their responsibility to make sure all participants, vendors and sales personnel adhere to village ordinances and policies including the compliance of event vehicles parking only in designated legal parking spaces and golf cart usage within the Village limits. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.**

**Motion by Bacon, support by Rademacher to allow for the closure of Wilco/Lake Street from Washington to the Village limit from 10am thru 4 pm Friday, September 16, 2022; and to allow for the closure of Wilco/Lake Street - from Pitch Apple Lane - to the Village limits – from 8:00 am through 6:00 pm on Saturday, September 17, 2022; and to allow for the closure of Front Street only between Union and LaRue from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday, September 17, 2002, and to provide written notification to the sponsor of their responsibility to make sure all participants, vendors and sales personnel adhere to village ordinances and policies including the compliance of event vehicles parking only in designated legal parking spaces and golf cart usage within the Village limits. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.**

**DIRECT DEPOSIT – Motion by Barr, support by Bacon to approve distribution of the direct deposit forms to all payroll recipients. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.**

**WATER CROSS CONTROL PROGRAM ORDINANCE & POLICY – Motion by Rademacher, support by Barr to approve Ordinance 113 Water Supply Cross Connection ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.**

**TRANSPORTATION PLAN – Motion by Bacon, support by Barr to authorize the Planning Commission to release the draft Transportation Plan to all the required entities for comment. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. MOTION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION No. 7 of 2022 – Compliance with 2011 PA 152 – Motion by Bacon, support by Chase to approve the resolution. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**UNION STREET PROJECT AWARD – Motion by Barr, support by Rademacher to approve awarding the bid to Molon Excavating for \$228,249.40. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.**

**SOUTH BAR LAKE BEACH SUMMER WATER TESTING – Motion by Rademacher, support by Dye to continue the water testing at South Bar Beach at a cost of \$1500. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None.**

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT** – Palmer and Dye commented. Davis reviewed his conversation today with the Drain Commissioner regarding the South Bar Drainage District. A Public Hearing will be held April 14, 2022 at the Governmental Center at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:50 p.m.

Derith Smith Empire Village Clerk

*These corrected minutes were approval at the May 12, 2022, Village Council Work Session.*